

A REAL CHRISTMAS STORY.

WRITTEN MORE THAN 1800 YEARS AGO.

While Herod was king in Judea there was a priest named Zacharias. His wife's name was Elizabeth. Both of them were old, and righteous, and careful to obey God's commandments; but God had never given them a child.

There were many priests among the Jews, who served in the temple by courses. There were twenty-four courses; each one had its name, and that which Zacharias belonged to was called the course of Abia.

Very early every morning, before it was light, the priests at the temple began the work of the day. Some of them went to the altar of burnt-offering and cleaned it, taking away the ashes that had been left there from the day before, and putting fresh wood on the fire which was never allowed to go out. Other priests went into the temple and trimmed the lamps on the golden candlestick, and cleaned the golden altar of incense. Afterward one of the priests offered up a lamb, and another burned incense. Every day before the priests began their work lots were cast to determine what part of the service each one was to take. On a certain day it fell to the lot of Zacharias to burn incense on the golden altar; and while he was in the temple he saw an angel standing beside the golden altar. When he saw him he was afraid, but the Angel said, Fear not, Zacharias, for God will give to thee and to thy wife a son and thou shalt call his name John. He shall not drink wine nor any strong drink, and shall be filled with God's Holy Spirit from the time he is born. Zacharias said to the angel, How shall I know that these things will be? The angel answered him, I am the angel Gabriel who live in heaven, and stand before God to do whatever he commands me, and he has sent me to tell this good news. And now, because thou hast not believed it, thou shalt be punished by being dumb and unable to speak, until the words I have spoken come true.

And the people who were waiting in the courts of the temple for Zacharias to come out, wondered what kept him so long. When he came they saw he could not speak, but he made them understand by signs that he had seen a vision.

And God gave to Zacharias and Elizabeth the son he had promised. When the child was eight days old their neighbors and relatives came together to dedicate or give him to the Lord, and to decide what name should be given him; and they called him Zacharias after the name of his father. But his mother said he must be called John. They said there be none of your relations of this name; and they made signs to his father, asking what he would have him called; and he asked for a writing table (for he was still speechless), and wrote saying, his name is John. As soon as he had written these words God gave him power to speak again. And all the people in those parts heard of those things and they said What manner of child shall this be? And the boy grew, and the Lord blessed him, and he went and lived in the wilderness and became a great preacher.

At this time the Jews were servants to the Romans, and had to obey the Emperor; and he made a decree that all the Jews should be taxed and commanded each one of them to go to the city where his ancestors had lived so that his name might be taken down. Among the number who went up to the city of David to be taxed, was a poor carpenter named Joseph, and his wife who was a cousin of Elizabeth. They journeyed from Nazareth, and on reaching Bethlehem found the inn filled so that they were compelled to seek lodging in the stable; while there God fulfilled a promise made to Mary about the time of Zacharias' wonderful vision, and gave her a son.

Lowly as was his birth, it was here

by angels who appeared to shepherds as they watched their flocks in the adjoining fields.

The Babe of Bethlehem was visited by the wise and great of the nation, and through jealousy the wicked emperor endeavored to slay him, but his life was preserved and he grew to manhood, and his life has furnished a model for all ages.

In the lives and career of these two boys was fulfilled the prophecies of ages, and in the death upon the Cross of Mrry's son, redemption was made for all mankind.

We have given this brief and imperfect sketch of the first Christmas, in the hope that a perusal of it may aid our young readers to a better understanding of the subject, and awaken an interest in the study of the only perfect guide for young and old—the Bible.

NO REVIEW TOMORROW.

50th YEAR
of
GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.

The oldest and Best Fashion Magazine in America.

SUBSCRIPTION PRICE

REDUCED TO \$2.00 PER YEAR.

Subscriptions will be received at this Office in Clubs with this Paper.

The DAILY REVIEW and Godey's Lady's Book for one Year at \$4.50.

See what Godey's Lady's Book will Contain IN 1880.

Nearly 1200 pages of first-class Literary matter.
12 Steel Plate Beautiful Original Engravings.
12 Large and Elegantly Colored Fashion Plates.
24 Pages of Vocal and Instrumental Music.
900 Engravings, on Art, Science, and Fashion.
12 Large Diagram Patterns of Ladies' and Children's Dresses.
12 Architectural Designs for Beautiful Homes.
200 or more Original Receipts for Family Use.
And the usual Original Department matters.

The January No. of the New Year will be issued December 1st, and will contain the opening chapters of one of the Best Serial Stories ever printed in American Magazine, by

CHRISTIAN REID,
the author of "A Gentle Belle," "Valerie Aymer," "Morton House," etc., entitled

ROSLYN'S FORTUNE.

We have engaged a Full Corps of Distinguished Writers, whose Contributions will enrich Godey's Lady's Book during the year.

Send in your Clubs at once. You can add any names afterwards at the same price as the original Club.

TERMS.—Cash in Advance.

POSTAGE PREPAID.

One copy, one year,.....	\$2 00
Two copies, one year,.....	3 70
Three copies, one year,.....	5 25
Four copies, one year,.....	6 60
Five copies, one year, and an extra copy to the person getting up the club, making six copies,.....	9 50
Eight copies, one year, and an extra copy to the person getting up the club, making nine copies,.....	\$14 00

Now is the time to make up your Club.

HOW TO REMIT.—Get a Post-office Money Order on Philadelphia, or a Draft on Philadelphia or New York. If you cannot get either of these, send Bank-notes, and in the latter case register your letter.

To parties intending to get up Club, a specimen copy will be sent on application.

Address,

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK PUB. CO. (Limited),
1006, Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Vertical Feed.

As usual, the Vertical Feed

Sewing Machine took First Pre-

mium, at the late county Fair.

COAL! COAL!

CHEAP FOR CASH!

The following prices will be charged for **AN-THRACITE COAL** in the yard, in all the yards signatures hereto attached, until further notice:

STOVE,	\$4 25
CHESTNUT,	4 25
GRATE,	4 25
EGG,	4 25

Cartage, FIFTY CENTS PER TON IN addition to above, and an EXTRA CHARGE for carrying in.

W. M. MALLORY, Towanaa.
HENRY MERCUR, "
NATHAN TIDD, "
E. B. PIERCE, "
BARTLETT BROS., Wysox.

At **MALLORY'S YARD**, formerly Phinney's:

Sullivan Coal,

LARGE STOVE,	\$3 00
SMALL STOVE,	3 25
CHESTNUT,	3 25
EGG,	3 00
GRATE,	3 00
SMALL CHESTNUT,	2 5

With same additional charges for cartage.

W. M. MALLORY.

October, 24, 1879.

Great

CROWDS!

at

J. L. KENT'S.

and an

IMMENSE STOCK!

DRESS GOODS,

CLOAKS and SHAWLS,

GLOVES and HOSIERY,

3 button Kid Gloves, only 75

Cents, worth a dollar.

SHEETINGS & SHIRTINGS,

of the best brands, cheap!

CLOTHS and CASSIMERES,

of all qualities and prices.

RIBBONS & FANCY GOODS,

the best selection ever offered

in this market.

FLANNELS & BLANKETS,

in endless variety.

In fact my assortment of DRY GOODS is complete and is not excelled by any establishment in the country. In prices

I DEFY COMPETITION!

and cordially invite inspection of my goods and a comparison of prices.

Col. Means' mammoth store, second door south of Mc. Intyre Brothers hardware store.

J. L. KENT,
Nov. 14. Agent.

DAILY REVIEW!

Only Twenty-Five

Cents a Month.

TRY IT?

THE REVIEW, is the

best ADVERTISING MEDIUM. Do not

forget it.

BUSINESS PARTY AND CALLING CARDS

printed to order.

CALL

AND

SEE

OUR

NEW VISITING AND BUSI-

NESS CARDS.

ALVORD & SON.